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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Takisha Miller

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/22/04; 4/29/04.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Decker (4,137,974).

- a. With respect to claim 1, Decker teaches a test wheel/drum (78), a first filament/hoist cable (109) wrapped around said test wheel (78) and a second filament/crowd cable (113) wrapped around said test wheel (78); wherein said first (109) and said second (113) filaments are wrapped around said test wheel (78) on substantially opposite sides thereof (Fig.25); wherein lateral forces on said first (109) and said second (113) filaments are substantially balanced such that the total lateral force net value is substantially zero (Fig.25).

- b. With respect to claims 2 and 3, Decker teaches said first filament (109) and said second filament (113) are wrapped around said test wheel (78) to form about a 90 degree angle (Fig.25).

3. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Juan (6,311,805).

- a. With respect to claim 1, Juan teaches a test wheel (17c), a first filament (50) wrapped around said test wheel (17c) and a second filament (20) wrapped around said

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test wheel (17c); wherein said first (50) and said second (20) filaments are wrapped around said test wheel (17c) on substantially opposite sides thereof (Fig.9); wherein lateral forces on said first (50) and said second (20) filaments are substantially balanced such that the total lateral force net value is substantially zero (Col.3, lines 38-41).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- (1,605,079) (1,730,974) (1,435,082) (3,829,052) (4,856,325) (5,945,602)
- (3,598,999) (5,335,527) (5,667,465) (5,282,580) (3,717,205) (EP 0295223)

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Takisha Miller whose telephone number is (571) 272-2184. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (7:00 am - 3:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Lefkowitz can be reached on (571) 272-2180. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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